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DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER APPOINTED TO FIRST NATIONS TAX COMMISSION

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Ottawa, Ontario (June 6, 2007) - Canada's New Government today announced the appointment of Mr. David Paul as Deputy Chief Commissioner to the First Nations Tax Commission *(external link, opens a new window)* (FNTC). The FNTC's mandate is to support and regulate First Nation property tax regimes to ensure they are administratively efficient, harmonized with property tax regimes across Canada, and fair to on-reserve taxpayers.

The FNTC is one of the four institutions created through the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act* - a First Nation-led initiative – which came into force on April 1, 2006 along with the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC), the First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA), the First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB) and the First Nations Statistical Institute (FNSI).

The institutions enhance the tools available to First Nations to support good government, economic growth and, ultimately, the quality of life on reserves, by strengthening First Nation real property tax regimes, creating a First Nation bond financing regime, supporting First Nation financial management and strengthening First Nation statistical capacity.

"On behalf of Canada's New Government, I wish to congratulate Mr. Paul on his appointment as Deputy Chief Commissioner," said the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and non-Status Indians. "With a strengthened First Nation tax system, supported by the FNTC, there will be greater certainty and transparency for those paying property taxes on reserve."

"Mr. Paul has been an integral part of our team since the very first day of the Indian Taxation Advisory Board. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the Commission," said C.T. (Manny) Jules, Chief Commissioner of the FNTC. "He has a solid understanding of the First Nation property tax system and played a key role in developing and building support for the FSMA. I am very pleased we can continue to work together. I know he will make a significant contribution as Deputy Chief Commissioner."

The appointment of Mr. Paul follows the April 30, 2007 appointments of seven Commissioners to the FNTC *(external link, opens a new window)* and the November 24, 2006 appointment of C.T. (Manny) Jules as Chief Commissioner.

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